

Endings: How to end (and archive) your digital edition

Course outline

PREPARATION FOR THE COURSE (TWO WEEKS OUT): Send the URL of the current incarnation of your site. We'll run it through the [Internet Archive](#).

Day One (Monday). "O, make an end of what I have begun" ... without falling on a sword

Morning (10:15-12:00): Introductions

- Introduction to the course and each other (Martin and Janelle)
- Handout: [Projected outcomes from the course](#)
- Handout: Ontology of digital editions
- Exercise: Learning about each other's projects
- Presentation: What does it mean to end a project? (Martin)

Afternoon (1:30-4:00)

- Demonstration: Case study of an existing Endings projects and how it got finished ([Graves Diary](#))
- Exercise: What should "remain on the shelf" in 20 years? (Pair work)
- Presentation: Claire Carlin presents "Mistakes were made" (on Endings project [Le mariage sous L'Ancien Régime](#))

Day Two (Tuesday)

Morning (9:00-12:00): Data

- Handout: [Endings principles](#) for digital longevity
- Presentation: Lisa Goddard presents "The Role of libraries in digital preservation"
- Demonstration: Research data management (Lisa Goddard)
- Exercise: How is your data stored and managed? Do you need to make changes there?

Afternoon (1:30-4:00): Products (1)

- Presentation: Stewart Arneil presents "Challenges of digital dependencies"
- Exercise: List your project's products
- Exercise: Enumerate the dependencies of your products
- Discussion: If our dependencies fail, which of our products will still function?

Day Three (Wednesday)

Morning (9:00-12:00): Products (2)

- Demonstration: Look at results from Internet Archive run-through (Matt Huculak)
- Exercise: List the issues from your Archive.org run-through that need to be addressed (pair work)
- Presentation: Diagnostics: What, how and why (Martin and Joey Takeda)

Afternoon (1:30-4:00): Diagnostics

- Exercise: Enumerate the aspects of your project that could be tracked by automated diagnostics

- Exercise: Write some diagnostics code! (We'll help)
 - Presentation: Talking to your programmer (if you have one) (Martin)
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Day Four (Thursday)

Morning (9:00-12:00): Release planning

- Presentation: What is a release? (Janelle)
- Presentation: Using releases to stick to your project plan (Janelle)
- Exercise: What will go into your next release? (Janelle)
- Exercise: Refining your diagnostics for release-tracking
- Presentation: Ewa Czaykowska-Higgins presents "Diagnostics to the max"

Afternoon (1:30-4:00): Documentation

- Presentation: Documentation: what is it, and who is it for? (Janelle)
 - Exercise: Is your documentation adequate?
 - Presentation: How to create a static version of your site (Martin and Greg Newton)
 - Discussion: How practical is a static version of your site?
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Day Five (Friday)

Morning (9:00-12:00): Building your plan

Friday morning is dedicated to ensuring that, when you leave, you have a comprehensive plan for your project. We'll be available to consult and to write code.

Afternoon: E-Exhibits

